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Application No.: 10/625271

Case No.: 58017US002

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16, 24-26 and 28-38 are pending. Claims 3-4, 12, 15, 17-23 and 27 are cancelled. Claims 28-36 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 and 27 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 13-18, 26, 27, 37, and 38 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Devillez (5,736,582). Claims 1-2, 5-14, 24, 26, and 37-38 are additionally rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by EP 966883. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16, 24-27, and 37-38 are additionally rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Devillez (5,958,984).

The Examiner had previously indicated the allowability of claims 11 and 12, and indicated their inclusion in this rejection resulted from the optional solvent in claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that the aromatic acid component comprises an aromatic acid and the salt of the aromatic acid, and to recite the presence of a solvent. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, and in particular, claim 3 and claim 12 as originally filed.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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